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OPERATIONAL PLAN  
GUATEMALA CITY A

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM  
RELEASE IN FULL

2003

1. Situation

A. Enemy

1. Two Regiments Base Militar

a. Personnel

22 Officers  
785 Enlisted men

b. Arms and Equipment:

6 Light tanks mounting three Browning cal. 30 air  
cooled machine guns and one 37mm gun  
18 7mm machine guns  
6 37mm anti-tank rifles  
5 anti-aircraft .50 cal machine guns (one in the  
Plaza Mayor, one in the base annex, one in the  
Third Company)  
8 81mm mortars  
8 75mm guns  
4 37mm guns  
6 7mm Hotchkiss machine guns (two each in the  
First, Second, and Fourth Companies)  
800 7mm rifles w/100 rds ammo per rifle  
6 Sub machine guns

2. Aurora Airfield Defense Force

a. Personnel

2 Officers  
25 Enlisted men

b. Arms and Equipment

2 .50 cal anti-aircraft mounted machine guns  
27 7mm rifles w/100 rds ammo per weapon

B. Friendly Forces, Guatemala City A Organization

1. Personnel

a. 548 men

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2. Table of Organization and Equipment. All components of Guatemala City A listed below are subordinate to the Guatemala City A area command consisting of:

C.O.	1 pistol
S-1	1 pistol
S-2	1 pistol
S-3	1 pistol
S-4	1 pistol
8 Runners	8 pistols
1 Radio Operator w/Handy-Talky	1 pistol

a. Four fire groups 103 men/group armed and organized in the following manner:

FIRE GROUP

C.O.	Pistol
Exec	Pistol
Commo	Pistol
6 Runners	6 Pistols
1 H-Talkie opr	Pistol

1st Platoon

Same as 2nd

2nd Platoon

C.O.	Pistol
Exec	Pistol
2 Runners	2 Pistols

3rd Platoon

Same as 2nd

2 3/man Special  
Action Teams  
6 Pistols  
2 C-Kits

1st Squad  
7 men  
LDR - Pistol  
2 SMG  
4 Rifles

2nd Squad  
7 men  
Same as 1st

3rd Squad  
7 men  
Same as 1st

b. Four 6/man mortar teams equipped and organized as follows:

LDR - SMG  
Gunner - 47mm mortar and pistol  
4 Ammo Bearers - 30 rds 47mm and one rifle/man  
2 frag and 2 conc grenades/man

c. Three 11/man LMG teams

LDR - SMG  
2 Gunners - 2 7.62mm LMG, 2 9mm pistols, 4 conc  
and 4 frag grenades/man  
8 Ammo Bearers - 8 7.62mm rifles, 4 conc and 4 frag  
grenades/man

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- d. Ten police teams 3 men/team
  - 2 SM
  - 1 Rifle
  - 18 Conc grenades 6/man
  - 18 Frag grenades 6/man
- e. Two sub teams (5 and 9 men each)
- f. From GRAVY IV: two sub teams 5 and 5 men each),  
1 organization for harassment (50 men)
- g. One road block team (pulled from fire group #4,  
see sketch)

## II. Mission

### A. Primary

1. To affect a union with the defected Second Regiment Base de Militar or to execute the support mission of aiding the defected portion of the garrison gain control.
2. Seize control of the SW Guatemala City Sector and establish staybehind forces capable of maintaining that control.
3. Join with forces of SE Guatemala City Sector in securing the two sectors before sweeping north.

### B. Secondary

1. To destroy air facilities at Aurora by plan (Attachment 1).
2. Destroy power inlet to Guatemala City from Amatitlan (Attachment 1).
3. To set up road block on the Amatitlan-Guatemala City highway to prevent incoming military reinforcements or paramilitary forces from entering to the aid of the opposition (Attachment 1).
4. To deploy two sub teams Q and R to disrupt the transport methods, road and rail respectively, to the Esquintla and San Jose areas (Attachment 1).
5. Deploy ten police harassment teams to destroy police posts.

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III. Specific Tasks:

A. Guatemala City A Organizer: Organizer \_\_\_\_\_ will depart Honduras on approximately 5 May with the following instructions:

1. Proceed to the home of Guatemala City A initial contact \_\_\_\_\_. Present torn card credentials to him. Request soonest clandestine audience with Guatemala City A Military Leader \_\_\_\_\_. At initial meeting with Guatemala City A Military Leader instruct him as follows:

a. CALLIGERIS is operating again.

b. Instruct in weapons, covert communications, all clandestine techniques.

c. Instruct Guatemala City A Military Leader to:

1) Recruit an active executive officer and then retire from subversive activity except for direction and providing commo link to CALLIGERIS Headquarters.

2) Recruit a cutout to Guatemala City A initial contact for communications to incoming RRO.

3) Instruct his Executive Officer to recruit:

a) one man from the garrison communications office who will be responsible for insuring that there is no commo traffic to or from the garrison from D-day H-hour on. He is passed at this meeting suggested manner of organization and execution this mission (Attachment 1).

b) one man from Base Militar Air Section whose primary responsibility it is to establish the necessary organization to insure by defection or assassination of pilots, destruction of aircraft or fuel, etc., that no aircraft leave the field from D-day to D+15. This man's secondary responsibility is to prevent incoming aircraft from landing on D-day. Defection possibilities:

(1) XI \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) XXI \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) XXII \_\_\_\_\_

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e) One man from the tank command with the responsibility of setting up organization for destruction tank engines if garrison defection not attained (Attachment 1).

d) Recruit from the artillery command one man with the responsibility of setting up the organization necessary to spike artillery and for destruction of reserve ammo if garrison defection not attained (Attachment 1).

e) One officer from the garrison forces with the responsibility of setting up organization to control on signal by fire power the non defected troops (Attachment 1).

4) Acquaint Guatemala City A Military Leader \_\_\_\_\_ with the notification signal that the RRO has arrived in the area and is in operation.

5) Acquaint Guatemala City A Military Leader with the existence and strength of his supporting civilian unit (minus their identities) including the fact that they are available to him for assignment through cutout to Guatemala City A initial contact.

6) Notify Guatemala City A Military Leader of D-day signals (See Communications).

7) Notify Guatemala City A Military Leader of his primary mission, namely:

a) H-3 hours activate organization and plan for positioning by H-15 minutes.

b) H-15 minutes, activate commo cut.

c) H-15 minutes, announce to the C.O. of the garrison his estimate of the situation, i.e., "Armed Civilian organization is in position and in Guatemala City Military Command. Fifty-five per cent of this garrison is pledged to subversion and are at this moment in position to act as planned to control this garrison. A similar situation is facing each garrison throughout the country at this moment and in four instances the entire garrison is pledged."

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d) In the event the G.O. decides on capitulation he will be required to order the garrison to the parade grounds, an order which will be obeyed by non-organization personnel only. A staff meeting at this time between the garrison G.O. and staff, Guatemala City A Military Leader and staff, and Guatemala City A Civilian Leader and staff should determine the authenticity of the defection.

e) In the event the garrison G.O. fails to comply, he will be detained by the special team assigned this job (attachment 1) and the garrison organization will act overtly as suggested Attachment 1 to control the garrison, receiving Guatemala City A Civilian Leader support as indicated Attachment 1.

2. On completion this assignment, Guatemala City A Organizer will request from Guatemala City A initial contact clandestine audience with Guatemala City A Civilian Leader to whom he will give the following instructions:

a. Clandestine techniques, weapons, and equipment, organization, and tactics.

b. He is to recruit an executive officer to assume the active assignments of:

1) Selecting reception party leader and pass on Guatemala City A segment arms ingress plan number one.

2) Passing on identification signals for use by RHO and/or appropriate exchange of bona fides.

3) Recruiting outfit to the RHO.

4) Recruiting one action leader whose task it will be to organize, on paper only, his forces per the TO/E para IV.

5) Acquainting the action leader with the proposed deployment of those forces (Attachment 1).

c. Instruct Guatemala City A Civilian Leader with radio and visual D-Day alert signals (See Commo, Para V)

d. Instruct Guatemala City A Civilian Leader with sub requirements and personnel assignment to sub teams and establish identification signal for incoming sub team leaders.

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3. On completion of above, Guatemala City A Organizer requests from Guatemala City A Initial Contact clandestine audience with the leader of GRAVY IV (Area from Chimaltenango to Patzún). On meeting leader of GRAVY IV he instructs him as follows:

a. GRAVY IV mission is to organize an action team of approximately fifty men from his area. They are to stand by for D-day signal which will be passed him via Guatemala City A Civilian Leader. At the same time he is to organize the loyal citizenry of the area covered by the rectangle EF 5110 - EF 2212 - EG 4070 - EF 1601 to provide sanctuary for his group once the action starts.

b. On receipt of D-day notification his group will set up in double-ambush at the point EF 2903 (Attachment 1 contains sketch for suggested weapons placement) for the purpose of stopping military movements Quetzaltenango to Guatemala City or vice versa. His assignment when the initial road block becomes untenable is to carry out a running harassment of all military movement up and down the Inter-American Highway between EF 1212 and EF 3201 from D-day to D+10.

c. Suggested TO/E can be obtained from sketch on ambush setup.

d. Arms and material will be drawn from Guatemala City A Civilian Leader through most feasible plan to be worked out between Guatemala City A Civilian Leader and GRAVY IV.

e. GRAVY IV is to furnish personnel for Sab teams S and T (see Attachment 1).

B. Guatemala City A Military Leader:

1. Action as directed by Guatemala City A Organizer.

C. Guatemala City A Civilian Leader:

1. Action as directed by Guatemala City A Organizer.

D. GRAVY IV:

1. Action as directed by Guatemala City A Organizer.

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#### IV. Logistics

##### A. Total of Equipment

1. Rifle, 7.62mm Soviet	each	194
2. SMG, 9mm Danish	each	99
3. Pistol, 9mm semi-auto	each	220
4. LMG, 7.62mm Soviet	each	6
5. Mortar, 47mm German	each	4
6. Frag grenades	each	356
7. Conc grenades	each	356
8. 7.62mm ammo, rifle and LMG	rds	51,000
9. 9mm ammo, pistol and SMG	rds	25,000
10. 47mm mortar ammo	rds	120
11. Sterile SCR 596	each	1
12. Demolition Kite (C-Kits)	each	8

#### V. Communications (This plan applicable to Guatemala City B, C, and D as well as A.)

##### A. Guatemala City A Military Leader Pre D-day.

##### 1. Guatemala City A Military Leader to Guatemala City A Civilian Leader.

a. Primary-courier to cutout to courier to Guatemala City A Civilian Leader.

b. Alternate-second set of couriers to cutout.

c. Emergency: courier direct to Civilian Leader.

##### 2. Guatemala City A Civilian Leader to second RRO.

a. Primary-courier to cutout to Civilian Leader. Civilian Leader uses his courier system to deliver to the RRO.

b. Alternate-second set of couriers and cutout.

c. Emergency-courier direct to staff for sending via staff RRO.

##### 3. Guatemala City A Civilian Leader to CALLIGERIS and Junta Group.

a. Primary-message to RRO as per para two above. RRO sends to Base Station which relays the message to CALLIGERIS and the Junta Group. Base Radio Station will maintain a 24-hour open circuit to receive all RRO messages. RRO will establish a regular schedule to receive incoming Base Radio Station relayed messages.



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NOTE: At D-day the RRO will cease sending and become a stay-behind operator. Guatemala City A Military Leader should establish a clandestine means of contacting the RRO in the event his services are required at a later date.

b. Alternate - courier to cutout to courier Guatemala City A Civilian Leader. Civilian Leader sends message to Guatemala City General Staff through his courier system. First RRO will then send message.

4. Guatemala City A Military Leader to General Staff.

a. Courier to cutout to courier to Guatemala City A Civilian Leader. Civilian Leader sends the message to the Staff by his courier system.

B. Guatemala City A Civilian Leader Pre D-day.

1. To Guatemala City A Military Leader -- same as for Guatemala City A Military Leader.

2. To Second RRO.

a. Courier to cutout to RRO.

3. To CALLIGERIS and Junta Group.

a. Sends message to RRO. RRO sends to Base Radio Station which relays to CALLIGERIS and Junta Group.

4. To General Staff.

C. Guatemala City A Military Leader Pre D-day.

1. To Guatemala City A Civilian Leader.

a. Guatemala City A Military Leader and A Civilian Leader will most likely be in direct contact on D-day. In the event they are separated communications will be by courier.

2. To Second TRO.

a. The TRO will probably be in direct contact with A Military Leader. In the event he is not A Military Leader's messages will be delivered to him by courier.

3. To CALLIGERIS and Junta Group

a. Primary - through TRO who sends to Base Radio Station which relays to CALLIGERIS and Junta Group. Base Radio will

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have 24-hour open circuit to receive messages and the TRO should maintain a 24-hour radio guard to receive all incoming messages relayed by Base Radio

b. Alternate - courier to General Staff. First TRO sends message through his regular channel.

4. To General Staff and Guatemala City B, C, and D.

a. Primary - TRO has handy-talkie and can talk direct to other units.

b. Alternate - Courier direct to Staff and other units.

D. Guatemala City A Civilian Leader - D-day.

1. To Guatemala City A Military Leader.

a. Same as for Guatemala City A Military Leader.

2. To Second TRO.

a. Same as for Guatemala City A Military Leader.

3. To CALLIGERIS and Junta-Group.

a. Same as for Guatemala City A Military Leader.

E. D-day Indicator Message.

1. Same as for Guatemala City General Staff.

F. D-day Visual Signal.

1. Same as for Guatemala City General Staff except received through Second TRO.

G. Request for ariel re-supply.

1. Request will be sent to General Staff who will arrange for the resupply.

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- 2) Bundle "B"
  - 1 RS-1 radio receiver-transmitter w/spare parts
  - 1 9mm pistol
  - 50 rds 9mm ammo
  - 2 ration-medical kits
  - 1 wrist watch
  - 1 lensatic compass
- 3) Bundle "C"
  - 10 7.62mm rifles
  - 5 9mm S&W
  - 10 frag grenades
  - 3,000 rds 7.62mm ammo
  - 1,000 rds 9mm ammo

g. Selection of DZ. Instruction on proper selection of DZ's will be part of organizer's instructions to leaders. Should these DZ's requested by the team prove unsuitable the General Staff will select a DZ which should be approximately three kilometers outside the city. In making the request for resupply the Staff must be sure to include the grid coordinates of the DZ.